

Suburban drug gangs with strong links to international cartels are an ever-increasing threat to our families and communities. Last week I supported funding an additional 20 Safe Street Task Forces, 32 more U.S. Attorneys and a new \$60 million local law enforcement grant program to directly support local police fighting gangs. The threat of drug-gangs is real for us in the 10th District. Palatine police reported new gang activity while Lake County MEG estimates there are more than 3,000 gang members operating north of Lake-Cook road. That is why I brought together representatives from the U.S. Attorney's office, the DEA, the ATF, the FBI and the Illinois State Police to brief 10th district officials on the rise of suburban drug-gangs and the new funding available to combat them.